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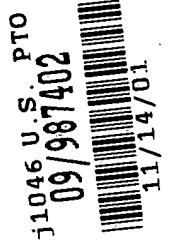
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In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicant submits the following explanations:

Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication No. 55(1975)-12429 corresponds with USP No. 4,254,264 submitted herewith.

Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication No. 56(1976)11397 corresponds with USP Nos. 4,346,295 and 4,485,302 submitted herewith.

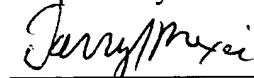
Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication Nos. 8(1996)294479 and 8(1996)287230 correspond with USP No. 5,761,334 submitted herewith.

The submission of the attached English language abstract along with JPA No. 56-11395 constitute a concise statement of relevance of the reference.

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